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## ARRIVALS.

Feb. 25, KWANGTUNG, Brit. str., 445, Pitman, Foochow 22nd February, Amoy 23rd, and Swatow 24th, General.—D. LAFRAK & Co.

Feb. 25, ADAYEA, Span. bark, 507, D. Jose G. Miranda, Fayauh 14th February, Wood.—REMEDIOS & Co.

## Departures.

Feb. 26, NAMOA, str., for Singapore and Po-  
ming.

Feb. 25, FORMOSA, str., for Manila.

Feb. 25, CHAO-TING-LEA, for Swatow.

Feb. 25, CHALLENCE, for Swatow.

Feb. 25, PATROCUL, str., for Shanghai.

## Clearances.

At the HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, FEBRUARY 25TH.

Hai-koong, str., for Swatow, &c.

## Passengers.

Per Keangtung, air, from East Coast.—  
Messrs. J. T. Hutch, R. H. Boyce, Parker,  
and Sanders, and 5 European deck and 73 Chi-  
nese.

Per Patriot, str., for Shanghai.—  
Major Nichols, Messrs. Bigby, Nelson,  
Hatch, Knight and Palshper.

## Reports.

The British steamer Keangtung reports left  
Foochow on 22nd February, Amoy on 23rd,  
and Swatow on the 24th. In Foochow, H.M.S.  
Kestrel and the str. Yuen-ko-wei. In Swatow,  
the steamship Adea and H.I.C.M. gun-boat  
Chien. Had fresh manoeuvres and cloudy weather.  
Passed the steamship Dong as of Unchip  
Point, at 10 P.M., on the 24th.

## FOOCHOW SHIPPING.

(From C. Hedges & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report.)  
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By order, A. NOEL BLAKELEY,  
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## The Daily Press

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 26TH, 1874.

In the last two days, there have been rumours of a somewhat vague and inconvenient character, to the effect that disturbances had either been threatened or had actually occurred at Peking. They were, however, so vague that we hesitated to attach much importance to them. Later information, however, goes to show that they are not without foundation. We hear that a telegram has been received to the effect that the Chinese officials at Peking gave Mr. Wade to understand that they would not guarantee the safety of foreigners, should they continue at Tientsin, and that, at that place, inflammatory placards have been posted, and the fans made after the Tientsin massacre, bearing a picture of the affray, distributed. Under these circumstances, it is stated that the Minister has intimated to the naval authorities that it would be advisable to despatch as many war vessels as can be spared to protect the ports, and especially Tientsin, and that this request will be complied with. It is also stated that one of the leaders of the fanatical party, who took a prominent part in the Tientsin massacre, has appeared at Peking, and is found to be in favour at headquarters, in place of having been banished, as was stated to be the case.

The above is the version of the affair which is most generally credited; and we believe the main facts may be taken as authentic. There need not necessarily be cause for great alarm, as experience shows that the Chinese officials are by no means slow to declare their inability to protect foreigners when disturbing symptoms arise, and this is often done with no other object than that of seeing how the rumour of the danger will be received, and ascertaining, if possible, what will be the next step taken. If such is the idea they have in the present instance, there can be no question that the right course is being adopted, and that no hesitation should be shown in taking measures for present protection, and letting the Chinese officials know that they will be held absolutely responsible for the safety of foreigners, and that no excuse whatever will be listened to for a failure on their part to fulfil their duty. If this attitude be assumed, it will probably be found that they will, as they have done over and over again, take steps to quiet the disorder; but if there be any hesitation at headquarters, it is as likely that the Chinese officials will foment the trouble as take steps to put it down, or at least that they will act in a vacillating manner as to give every encouragement to those imbued with antagonism to foreigners to carry out their designs. It is sincerely to be hoped that the matter will not have any serious results, but our authorities will be only acting with ordinary prudence to adopt a firm attitude, and keep thoroughly upon the alert.

We give further on an article which has appeared in the *Wall Street Journal* of the 9th January, on the recent measures which have been taken for the suppression of the Macao Opium Trade. The *Wall Street Journal* fully endorses the action taken by the local Government, and holds that no foreigner will take the Macao route to anything better than a very cruel and hypocritical form of law trade.

The last part of the programme has not been performed, and the misson of Fokien will be buried in the soil, but the instruction in warlike arts seems to have been conveyed very effectively. It is impossible to fail to admire the frankness of those which characterizes the article on the subject, which we reproduce elsewhere from the local paper at Foochow. After reviewing the history of the arsenal, and what it has accomplished, the writer concludes by expressing his hope "that the well-ascertained corruption of the official body of this country will avert itself, and what is now known as the Foochow Arsenal will become a thing of the past." Alluding to the rewards which have been heaped upon M. Grouet for his services, the writer says: "We do not grudge M. Grouet these liberal rewards, and we do not doubt that he has fairly earned them. We only question the sound policy of teaching the Chinese how to make war upon us at a time when we are demanding free intercourse with the empire." This is plain and straightforward speaking, but there is no denying that it represents the opinions very generally entertained upon this matter.

Prisoner—said—Wang-ting—was a great friend of his, and he had lent him \$50,000 of these had been paid, and on asking him for the balance he had apprehended him. He further said that he had been taking a loan of 150,000 dollars from the Chinese Government, and that he had been deceived by his agent, who had been doubtful about his identity, but had concerted together to prove his guilt.

His Lordship having briefly addressed the jury, a verdict of guilty was returned.

His Lordship said he had never known a more impudent defence, and it showed that prisoner was not a man of principle. The sentence of the Chinese would be lenient, but the punishment of the犯 would be severe.

Mr. Grouet, chairman of the board, said the prisoner was in his charge, chained to another man at the junction of Bobland and Fukien roads. The prisoners were getting their meal at twelve o'clock when prisoner escaped through a hole in his chain. His companion shouted out, but they could see nothing of him.

Wang-ting (P.C. 233), said he was a duly paid Chinese, and that he had been taken into custody, but he had been released by his agent, who had been paid a sum for his services, and he was then left to go his way.

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